CLAIMS

1. A wireless communication device comprising:
2 a receiver for receiving an incoming signal;
   a transmitter for transmitting an outgoing signal;
4 memory for storing data;
   an input device;
6 a processor for accepting input and operably connected to memory for
   controlling said transmitter and said receiver while accepting a signal from
8 said input device after receiving an incoming call and placing the wireless
   communication device into a delay mode.

2. The device as in claim 1 wherein said transmitter transmits a response upon
2 instruction from the processor, upon the processor receiving a stimulus from
   said input device while in delay mode.

3. The device as in claim 2 wherein said response is inaudible locally.

4. The device as in claim 3 wherein a communication link is completed upon
2 entry of a second stimulus from said input device while in delay mode.

5. The device as in claim 4 wherein said communication link is a voice
2 communication link.

6. The device as in claim 4 wherein said communication link is a two way
2 simultaneous voice communication link.

7. The device as in claim 4 wherein said communication link is a data
2 communication link.

8. The device as in claim 4 wherein said communication link is a two way
2 simultaneous data communication link.

9. A method of responding to an incoming call in a wireless communication
2 device including the steps of:
   (a) receiving an incoming call from a calling party;
4 (b) determining whether to place the incoming call into a delay mode;
   (c) placing the call in delay mode; and

6   (d) completing connection of the call.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein step (b) further includes:

2   (b1) identifying relative status information;

(b2) determining whether to place the incoming call into a delay mode based

4   on relative status information; and

(b3) muting the call locally.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the relative status is indicative of a called

2   party.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the relative status of a called party is

2   based upon a user's schedule data.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the user's schedule data is stored in a

2   personal information manager.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the user's schedule data is stored in an

2   external database.

15. The method of claim 13 wherein the user's schedule data is stored in an

2   internal database.

16. The method of claim 10 wherein the relative status is indicative of a calling

2   party.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the relative status is one of a calling party

2   number and address.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein the relative status is the calling party

2   name.

19. A wireless communication device comprising:

2   means for receiving an incoming call from a calling party;

means for determining whether to place the incoming call into a delay mode;

4   means for placing the call in delay mode; and

means for completing connection of the call.

20. The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the means for determining further

2   includes:

means for identifying relative status information;

4   means for determining whether to place the incoming call into a delay mode

based on relative status information; and

6   means for muting the call locally.

21. The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the relative status is indicative of a

2   called party.

22. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the relative status of a called party is

2   based upon a user's schedule data.

23. The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the user's schedule data is stored in a

2   personal information manager.

24. The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the user's schedule data is stored in an

2   external database.

25. The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the user's schedule data is stored in an

2   internal database.